DIZ area, for allotment of their quarters to their wards are pending consideration with the Minister oj Urban Development; *

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons f°r which they are not being disposed of; and

(c) by whe$_n$ unauthorised occupation of quarters, after the retirement of Government employees, would be vacated and the quarters would be allotted to the persons who are waiting for their turn for quite a Jong time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBT.R SINGH): (a) to (c) A request on compassionate ground for reguIarisatio$_n$ of a Type 'C quarter i$_n$ Sector*-'D', DIZ area in the name of a ward has been received and the" same i$_s$ under consideration.

Retrun of labour force in Kerala from the Gulf

1769. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any 6urve$_v$ of th^e ,-labour force returning from Gulf was conducted in Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) whether ft i$_s$ a fact that a large number of The labour force is returning and is* remaining unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER); (a) A survey wa$_s$ conducted during 1987 by the State Government on the utilization pattern of Gulf remittances i$_n$ Kerala.

(b) and (c) The survey indicates $_m$ *an* increasing trend in the number of returning emigrants from Gulf countries. It "has also revealed that nearly 50 pe$_r$ cent of the returnees had no jobs at the time of survey.

Propsal for equity participation of SAIL with Kerala Special Refractories Ltd.

1770. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Central Government had recently received any request from the Kefala Government fb$_r$ equity participation of the Steel Authority of India Limited, with the Kerala Special Refractories, Ltd., Kerala; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAK. WANA); (a) Yes, Sir. Ou$_t$ of the total equity of Rs. 24 crore$_s$ SAIL's participation was sought to the extent of 30%.

(b) It has not been found feasible fo$_r$ SAIL to participate in the equity of Kerala Special Refractories-Limited.

Cotton production

1771. SBPJT T R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what had bee$_n$ the area under fcotton cultivation in each State during the last three years;

(b) what had been the production of raw cotton in each State during the last three years; year-wise; and

(c) what i$_s$ th$_e$ area likely to be under cotto$_n$ cultivation and expected production in each State during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGR^{T}CULTURB (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a)

and (b) Figures of area under cultivation of cotton and i?s production (in terms of lint) i$_n$ the major producing States during the last three years ending 1986-87 are given in the attached statement (See below)..

(c) Final estimates of area and production of cotton for the crop year 1987-88 are not yet due frora\ the States.

Statement

Statewise Estimates of Area Production of Cotton

State	Area (Lakh hectares)			Production (Cotton lint)-Lakh bales of 170 Kgs. each		
	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Andhra Pradesh . .	5.5	6.2	4.1	9.8	7.4	6.4
Gujarat	13.8	14.0	13.7	20.7	19.9	10.9
Haryana . . .	3.0	3.4	3.8	6.1	7.5	9.0
Karnataka . . .	8.3	6.7	5.3	7.9	5.5	4.6
Madhya Pradesh . .	5.3	5.4	5.3	2.7	2.9	2.4
Maharashtra . . .	26.8	27.5	26.9	14.7	19.9	8.9
Punjab	4.7	5.6	5.7	12.4	14.0	16.9
Rajasthan . .	3.4	3.3	3.6	4.4	4.7	7.0
Tamil Nadu . .	2.5	2.5	1.9	5.9	4.8	8.4
Others	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6
All-India . . .	73.8	75.3	70.7	85.1	87.3	70

Setting up of food testing laboratory in the capital

1772. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the Government's consideration to set up a food and othr consumer itern$_s$ testing laboratory in Delhi;

(b) if so, by when the proposed laboratory is likely to be set up; and

(c) the details of the consumer items to foe tested in the laboratory?

,THE JDIEPUTY MINISTER IN MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) Delhi Administration, has informed that at present they have a food laboratory for the purpose of analysing samples lifted under the provisions of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and a laboratory for testing and quality contol of domestic appliances. There is no proposal to set up another food and other consumer items testing laboratory in Delhi.

Sustainable Nutrition security System

1773. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, the Director of the Internationai Rice Research Institute, has suggested a 7 point action